

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2586, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. STEARNS OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subtitle E of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **SENSE OF CONGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF**
2 **FUEL EFFICIENCY REFORMS IN DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Federal Government is the largest sin-
6 gle energy user in the United States, and the De-
7 partment of Defense is the largest energy user
8 among all Federal agencies.

9 (2) The Department of Defense consumed
10 595,000,000,000,000 BTUs of petroleum in fiscal
11 year 1999, while all other Federal agencies combined
12 consumed 56,000,000,000,000 BTUs of petroleum.

13 (3) The total cost of petroleum to the Depart-
14 ment of Defense amounted to \$3,600,000,000 in fis-
15 cal year 2000.

16 (4) Increased fuel efficiency would reduce the
17 cost of delivering fuel to military units during oper-
18 ations and training and allow a corresponding per-
19 centage of defense dollars to be reallocated to logis-
20 tic shortages and other readiness needs.



1 (5) Increased fuel efficiency would decrease the
2 time needed to assemble military units, would in-
3 crease unit flexibility, and would allow units to re-
4 main in the field for a longer period of time.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that the Secretary of Defense should work to imple-
7 ment fuel efficiency reforms, as recommended by the De-
8 fense Science Board report, which allow for investment de-
9 cisions based on the true cost of delivered fuel, strengthen
10 the linkage between warfighting capability and fuel logis-
11 tics requirements, provide high-level leadership encour-
12 aging fuel efficiency, target fuel efficiency improvements
13 through science and technology investment, and include
14 fuel efficiency in requirements and acquisition processes.

